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Attorney Docket No.	J-2605A
First Inventor	Richard W. Avery
Title	Production of Stable Hydrolyzable Organosilane Solutions
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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7 pgs. Plus U.S. Patent 6,113,815 Request For Interference Under 37 C.F.R. 1.607 Accompanying Application

6 pgs. Letter under 37 C.F.R. 1.608.(b)

3 pgs. Inventor's Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b) plus 9 pages Exhibit A

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Richard W. Avery

Application No./Patent No.: 09/274,273 Filed/Issue Date: March 22, 1999

Entitled: Production of Stable Hydrolyzable Organosilane Solutions

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Request for Interference under 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 Accompanying Application

Sir:

It is requested that an interference be declared with enclosed U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 issued on September 5, 2000 based on the following claims 1-3 that were filed with the above-referenced application.

1. A composition comprising a mixture of:

a) an organosilane of the formula R_nSiX_{4-n}, wherein n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and R is, independently, a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and each X is, independently, a hydrolyzable group; with

b) an ether of the formula R-O-R, wherein R is, independently, an organic group, and the ether has a hydroxy functionality.

2. A composition comprising a mixture of:

a) an organosilane of the formula R_nSiX_{4-n}, wherein n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and R is, independently, a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and each X is, independently, a hydrolyzable group; with

b) an ether of the formula R-O-R, wherein R is, independently, an organic group, and the ether has a hydroxy functionality,

wherein the ether is a glycol ether.

3. The composition of claim 2, wherein the ether is selected from dipropylene glycol butyl ether, propylene glycol butyl ether, and dipropylene glycol propyl ether.

Source Of The Claims Filed In The Above-Referenced Application

(1) Claim 1 of the above-referenced application has been substantially copied from claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 with the deletion of the alternative ether carboxylic ester functionality. The exact changes to claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 that resulted in Claim 1 of the above-referenced application are indicated below with brackets [ ] showing deletions.

- - 1. A composition comprising a mixture of:

a) an organosilane of the formula R_nSiX_{4-n}, wherein n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and R is, independently, a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and each X is, independently, a hydrolyzable group; with

b) an ether of the formula R-O-R, wherein R is, independently, an organic group, and the ether has [either] a hydroxy functionality [or carboxylic ester functionality]. --

(2) Claim 2 of the above-referenced application is an independent claim that limits the ether of the composition of Claim 1 to a glycol ether.

(3) Claim 3 of the above-referenced application further limits the glycol ether of the composition of Claim 2.

Suggestion for Counts

The Applicant suggests that a first Count could have the exact language of Claim 1 as filed with the above-referenced application and that a second Count could have the exact language of Claim 2 as filed with the above-referenced application.

Correspondence of Claims 1-14, 16-24, 26-27, and 29-31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 to Claims 1 and 2 of the Present Application

Claims 1-14, 16-24, 26-27, and 29-31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 correspond to claims 1 and 2 as follows. If a first Count were formulated having the exact language of claim 1 and a second count were formulated having the exact language of claim 2, the following also would describe correspondence to the counts.

Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 substantially corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application as shown above in the "Basis Of The Claims Filed In The Above-Referenced Application" section, i.e., with the deletion of the alternative ether carboxylic ester functionality.

Claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application when the ether is other than a glycol ether in that it merely limits the ethers of the composition.

Claim 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 2 of the present application when the ether is a glycol ether.

Claim 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the ethers of the composition.

Claim 5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely further limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely further limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it adds water to the composition and Claim 1 of the present application uses a "comprising" transition phrase.

Claim 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the use of the composition.

Claim 11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely adds a carrier other than water to the use of the composition and Claim 1 of the present application uses a "comprising" transition phrase.

Claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the organosilanes of the composition.

Claim 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely adds water to the composition and Claim 1 of the present application uses a "comprising" transition phrase.

Claim 20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it recites an inherent use of the composition.

Claim 21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it recites an inherent use of the composition.

Claim 22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it recites an inherent use of the composition.

Claim 23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it recites an inherent use of the composition.

Claim 24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it recites an inherent use of the composition.

Claim 26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it recites an inherent use of the composition.

Claim 27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it recites an inherent use of the composition.

Claim 29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it limits the amount of organosilane and ether and merely adds water to the composition and Claim 1 of the present application uses a "comprising" transition phrase.

Claim 30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it merely limits the ethers of the composition.

Claim 30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 2 of the present application when the ether of claim 30 is a glycol ether.

Claim 31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 corresponds to Claim 1 of the present application in that it recites an inherent use of the composition.

<u>Support for the Terms in Claims 1, 2 and 3 of the Present Application</u>

The terms of the claims of the application are supported in the Applicant's specification as shown in the following Table 1.

<u>Table 1</u>

Term In Claims of the Present Application			Supporting Language in Present Specification	
Claim No.	Line Nos.	Term	Page No.	Line Nos.
1	1	Mixture	2	4
1	2-4	an organosilane of the formula R_nSiX_{4-n}, wherein n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and R is, independently, a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and each X is, independently, a hydrolyzable group	3 and 3 and 7	2-5 20-28 21-22
1	5-6	an ether of the formula R-O-R, wherein R is, independently, an organic group, and the ether has a hydroxy functionality	7	17-18

Term In Claims of the Present Application			Supporting Language in Present Specification	
2	1	Mixture	2	4
2	2-4	an organosilane of the formula R_nSiX_{4-n}, wherein n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and R is, independently, a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and each X is, independently, a hydrolyzable group	3 and 3 and 7	2-5 20-28 21-22
2	5-6	an ether of the formula R-O-R, wherein R is, independently, an organic group, and the ether has a hydroxy functionality	7	17-18
2	7	Wherein the ether is a glycol ether	7 and Abstract	17-18 line 3
3	1-2	wherein the ether is dipropylene glycol butyl ether, propylene glycol butyl ether, or dipropylene glycol propyl ether	4	21-22

Compliance with Certain Time Limits

A claim has been made in the present application which is substantially the same subject matter as a claim of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 prior to one year from the date on which U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 was granted (September 5, 2000).

Papers complying with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.608(b) have been provided with this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 8/31/01, 2001

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Letter under 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b)

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b) of Richard W. Avery, applicant herein, with attached Exhibit A, and a corroborating declaration from a non-inventor witness, Ian C. Callaghan, in support of the attached Request for Interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 issued on September 5, 2000.

The Applicant's showing is adequate to establish at least a *prima facie* case of priority of invention under 37 C.F.R. §1.608(b). In this regard, it has been stated by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in *Hahn v. Wong*, 892 F.2d 1028, 1032 (CAFC 1989) that

> To establish reduction to practice of a chemical composition, it is sufficient to prove that the inventor actually prepared the composition and knew it would work.

The Applicant has established a *prima facie* case entitling him to proceed with the interference because the critical reference date of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 is no earlier than July 18, 1997 (the filing date of the provisional application from which U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 claims benefit) and the Applicant's declaration shows evidence of his reduction to practice of the claims of the present application having interfering subject matter substantially

corresponding to claims 1-14, 16-24, 26-27, and 29-31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 in the United Kingdom (a WTO country since January 1, 1995) prior to July 18, 1997. In particular, the documents evidence that he actually prepared the compositions of the claims of the present application, tested that they would work for the desired utility, and appreciated the result, at least as early as January 23, 1997.

Specifically, looking at Exhibit A, page 2 that is attached to the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b) of Richard W. Avery, the inventor of the present application, there is shown a summary of experiments performed by the inventor and/or others working under his supervision. Along the left hand side of the summary of experiments, there are row headings for the Chemicals used in the compositions and for the Test Results, including a row heading entitled "Date made". Looking at the data summary under Reference 909EU58C', it can be seen that on or before December 3, 1996, the inventor and/or others working under his supervision had prepared a composition by mixing (among other things) 0.18% Fluorosilane 3M FC 405/60 and 5.00% propylene glycol n-butyl ether (which is widely known to have the formula $H-(CH_2)_4-O-(CH_2)_3-OH$). Likewise, under Reference 909EU58C'', it is shown that on or before December 3, 1996, the inventor and/or others working under his supervision had prepared a composition by mixing (among other things) 0.18% Fluorosilane 3M FC 405/60 and 2.50% propylene glycol n-butyl ether. Similarly, under Reference 909EU58C''', it is shown that on or before December 3, 1996, the inventor and/or others working under his supervision had prepared a composition by mixing (among other things) 0.18% Fluorosilane 3M FC 405/60 and 7.50% propylene glycol n-butyl ether.

Turning to Exhibit A, page 1 that is attached to the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b) of Richard W. Avery, the inventor specifically listed and attached to the original invention

disclosure the 3M Technical Bulletin that comprises pages 3-9 of Exhibit A. The 3M FC 405/60 organosilane is a fluor aliphatic silyl ether available from 3M Industrial Chemical Products. It is stated to have the general formula Rf-A-Si $(OMe)_3$, where Rf is a fluoroaliphatic group, and A is a linking group. More specifically, the active ingredient is 1-octanesulphonamide, N-ethyl-1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8-heptadecafluoro-N- 3-(trimethoxy silyl) propyl.

Looking at page 5 of Exhibit A, the hydrolysis of the three (OMe) groups on the Si atom of the 3M FC 405/60 organosilane with 3 H_2O molecules is clearly shown. The Rf-A- group on the Si atom is not shown as undergoing hydrolysis with H_2O molecules. Thus, the 3M FC 405/60 organosilane is properly described as an organosilane having three hydrolyzable groups (OMe) and one non-hydrolyzable organic group (Rf-A-).

Referring back to Exhibit A, page 2 that is attached to the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b) of Richard W. Avery, the summary of experiments shows that the inventor also recorded the initial stability and the stability after one month of the compositions, and the initial hydrophobic effect on glass and the hydrophobic effect on glass after the compositions aged for 1 month. Glass treatment is a desired utility for these components.

Turning to Exhibit A, page 1, the inventor reported that based on the test results "2.5%, 5% and 7.5% levels of the sparingly soluble PnB [propylene glycol n-butyl ether] in formulas 909EU58C', 909EU58C'', 909EU58C''' give good stabilisation and the fluoro-silane is still available for tethering after 1 month, [and it] should be noted that the hazy appearance of some of these formulas is not necessarily a negative for stability and the appearance could range from clear to hazy". Thus, the inventor had appreciated by that date that the compositions of formulas 909EU58C', 909EU58C'', 909EU58C''' were stable and suitable for glass conditioning even after being stored for one month.

Now, comparing claims 1, 2 and 3 of the present application to the mixtures 909EU58C', 909EU58C'', 909EU58C''' prepared in December 1996 by the inventor, it is clear that claims 1 and 2 of the present application both read on the mixtures 909EU58C', 909EU58C'', 909EU58C''' prepared in December 1996 by the inventor and that the mixtures 909EU58C', 909EU58C'', 909EU58C''' read on at least one species of claim 3. See Tables 1, 2 and 3 below.

Table 1

Term in Claim 1 of the Present Application	Support in Invention Disclosure of Inventor's Declaration
a) an organosilane of the formula R_nSiX_{4-n}, wherein n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and R is, independently, a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and each X is, independently, a hydrolyzable group	When n=1, the organosilane in the claim is R_1SiX_3 where R is a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and X is a hydrolyzable group. The 3M FC 405/60 organosilane used in mixtures 909EU58C', 909EU58C'', 909EU58C''' of the invention disclosure has the general formula R_fA-Si-$(OMe)_3$ where R_fA is a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and OMe is a hydrolyzable group. This is clearly supported by the 3M Technical Bulletin that was an integral part of the invention disclosure. Thus, the 3M FC 405/60 organosilane meets the general formula R_1SiX_3 where R is a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and X is a hydrolyzable group.
b) an ether of the formula R-O-R, wherein R is, independently, an organic group, and the ether has a hydroxy functionality.	The composition of the invention disclosure uses propylene glycol n-butyl ether which has the formula H-$(CH_2)_4$-O-$(CH_2)_3$-OH. The R groups of propylene glycol n-butyl ether (i.e., H-$(CH_2)_4$-- and -$(CH_2)_3$-OH) are organic groups and there is one hydroxyl (-OH) group in the ether.

Table 2

Term in Claim 2 of the Present Application	Support in Invention Disclosure of Inventor's Declaration
a) an organosilane of the formula R_nSiX_{4-n}, wherein n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and R is, independently, a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and each X is, independently, a hydrolyzable group	When n=1, the organosilane in the claim is R_1SiX_3 where R is a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and X is a hydrolyzable group. The 3M FC 405/60 organosilane used in mixtures 909EU58C', 909EU58C'', 909EU58C''' of the invention disclosure has the general formula R_fA-Si-$(OMe)_3$ where R_fA is a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and OMe is a hydrolyzable group. This is clearly supported by the 3M Technical Bulletin that was an integral part of the invention disclosure. Thus, the 3M FC 405/60 organosilane meets the general formula R_1SiX_3 where R is a nonhydrolyzable organic group, and X is a hydrolyzable group.
b) an ether of the formula R-O-R, wherein R is, independently, an organic group, and the ether has a hydroxy functionality,	The composition of the invention disclosure uses propylene glycol n-butyl ether which has the formula H-$(CH_2)_4$-O-$(CH_2)_3$-OH. The R groups of propylene glycol n-butyl ether (i.e., H-$(CH_2)_4$-- and -$(CH_2)_3$-OH) are organic groups and there is one hydroxyl (-OH) group in the ether.
wherein the ether is a glycol ether	The composition of the invention disclosure uses propylene glycol n-butyl ether which is a glycol ether.

Table 3

Term in Claim 3 of the Present Application	Support in Invention Disclosure of Inventor's Declaration
wherein the ether is selected from dipropylene glycol butyl ether, propylene glycol butyl ether, and dipropylene glycol propyl ether.	The composition of the invention disclosure uses propylene glycol n-butyl ether.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing analysis of the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b) of Richard W. Avery, applicant herein, shows that the inventor actually prepared the composition of claims 1 and 2 of the present application and at least a species of claim 3, tested that the compositions would work for a desired utility, and appreciated the successful results, at

least as early as January 23, 1997, all in the United Kingdom. Because the inventor of the above-referenced application reduced to practice the invention of claims 1 and 2 and a species of claim 3 of the present application prior to the critical reference date of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815 (July 18, 1997), the Applicant is *prima facie* entitled to an award of priority over the interfering claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,113,815.

Respectfully submitted,

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Inventor's Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b)

Sir:

I, Richard W. Avery, the named inventor of the above-identified patent application, hereby declare as follows:

1. I conceived and reduced to practice in the United Kingdom prior to July 18, 1997 the invention specified in the attached claims which I understand are those pending in the above-identified patent application and which I understand are believed to correspond to the proposed counts.

2. This is evidenced by attached Exhibit A, an accurate photocopy of an Invention Disclosure that I signed on 23-January-1997 in the United Kingdom (albeit the "EL97/80" tracking number, the NI "2605" number, and the submission approval signature were later added). Page 2 of Exhibit A shows formulas that I, or others acting under my supervision, prepared in November and December 1996 in the United Kingdom. It is an accurate summary

created at least as early as January 23,1997 in the United Kingdom of tests I, or others acting under my supervision, performed.

3. The Exhibit A Invention Disclosure confirms that I prepared in December 1996 a composition by mixing (among other things) an organosilane with three hydrolyzable groups and one nonhydrolyzable group (3M FC 405/60) and propylene glycol n-butyl ether, which has the formula $H-(CH_2)_4-O-(CH_2)_3-OH$. The 3M FC 405/60 organosilane (as shown in the 3M Technical Bulletin specifically referenced by me in the Invention Disclosure) is a fluor aliphatic silyl ether available from 3M Industrial Chemical Products. It is stated to have the general formula Rf-A-Si $(OMe)_3$, where Rf is a fluoroaliphatic group, and A is a linking group. More specifically, the active ingredient is 1-octanesulphonamide, N-ethyl-1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8-heptadecafluoro-N- 3-(trimethoxy silyl) propyl. I recorded the physical and chemical stability of the mixtures, and their utility for glass conditioning.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 23, 2001

By: R. W. Avery
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